



UC1b (Agro environmental indicators)

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UC1B new developments

- List of agroenvironmental indicators
- Carbon storage Tier I - Functional analysis
- Prototype development and testing (CS Tier I)
- Multi MS testing (Denmark Netherlands, Spain)

List of Agroenvironmental indicators scientific approach

List of Agro-Environmental Indicators

➤ We propose 11 A.E. indicators addressing 3 CAP objectives and 5 categories of environmental issues related to:

- **Climate mitigation**: C budget reduction of N fertilisers
- **Water quality**: nitrates, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides
- **Biodiversity**: biodiv. conservation, biological control, pollination
- **Soils**: quality, erosion
- **Landscapes**: aesthetic value



➤ For each type of indicator we propose between 1 to 4 methods of calculations: from TIER 1 to 4. All of them are evidence-based, most of them published and several were adapted from the H2020 DiverImpacts project (scoring systems from 0 to 1),

➤ Five of them will be presented in details to illustrate the methodological approach and because we consider they are a priority.

Carbon budget Indicators

➤ Empirical approaches: plot level/annual

TIER 2

$$\text{C budget} = \text{Net CO}_2 \text{ flux} + \text{C harvested} - \text{Org. fertil.}$$

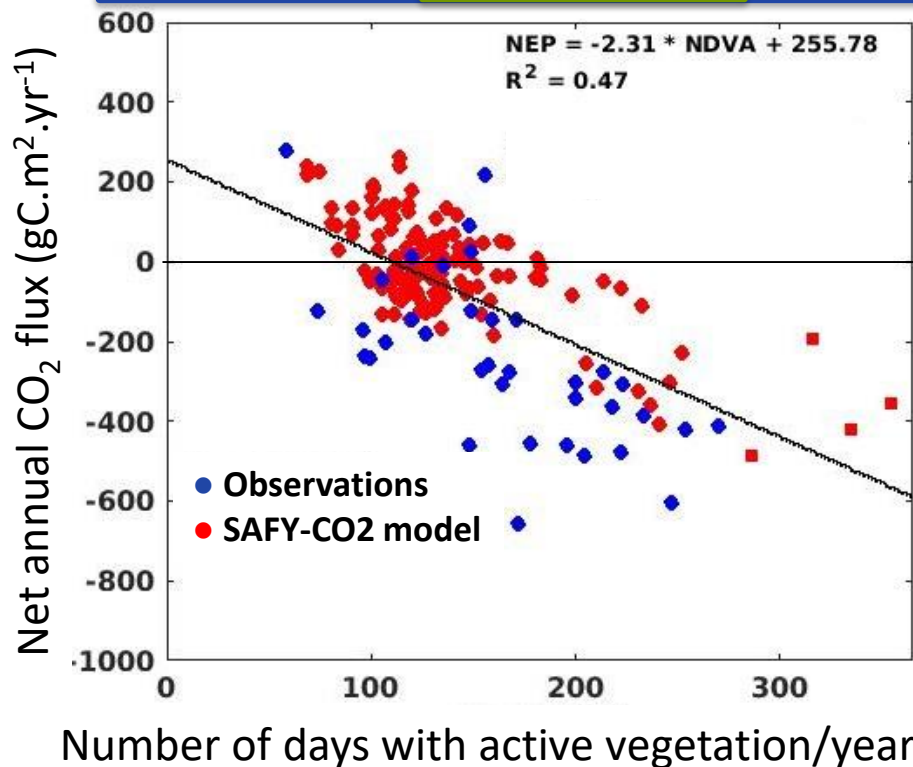
TIER 1



Farmer's data (FMIS)



CO₂ release
↑
↓
CO₂ fixation



Ceschia et al. (2010), Pique et al. (minor revision)

- What do we need to know from the farmers ?

- C harvested:

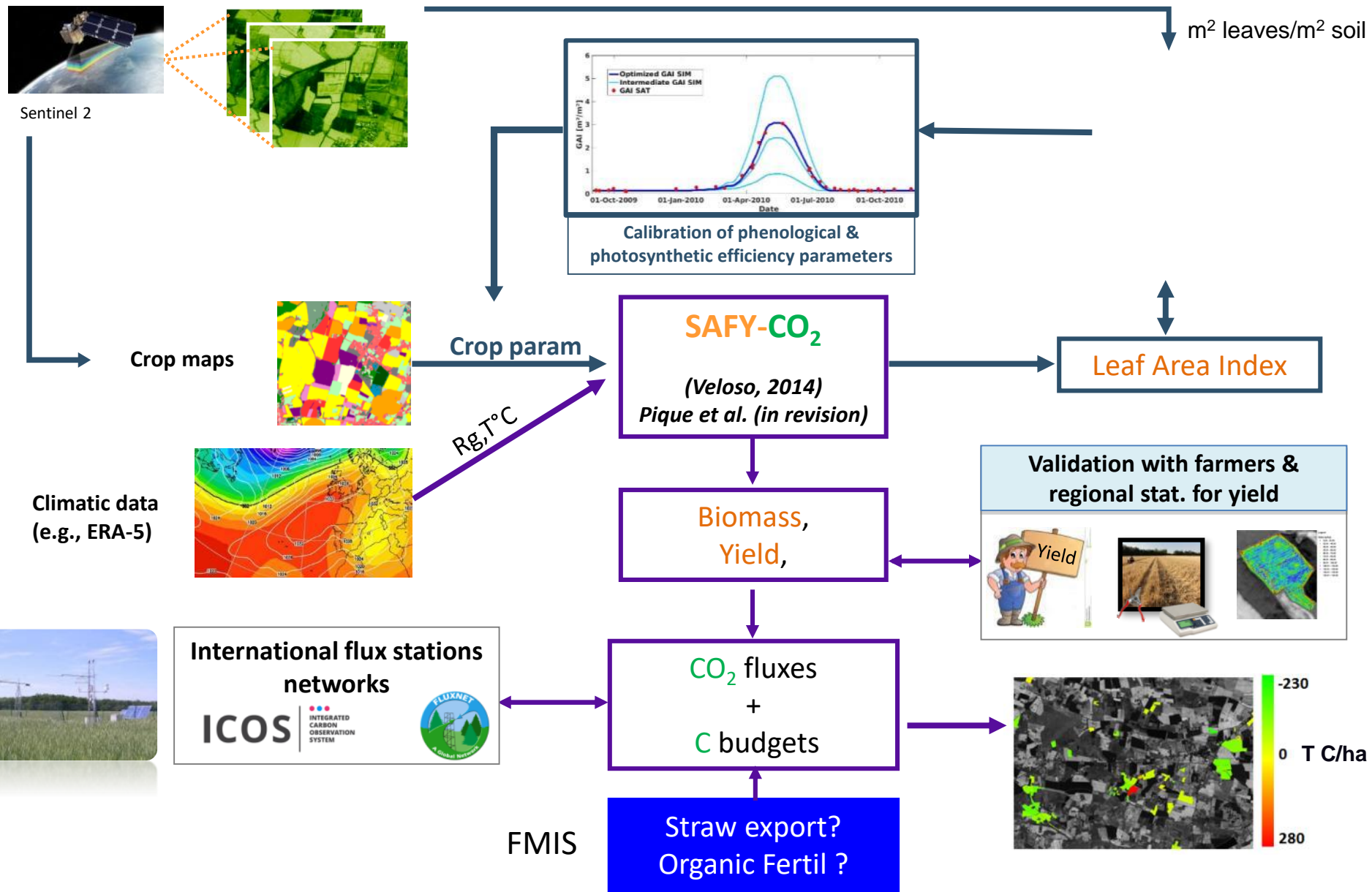
- yield (grain t/ha)
- eventually the amount of straw/cover crop exported (t/ha),

- Are organic amendments applied ? If yes:

- type of amendment,
- amount (t/ha).

Carbon budget Indicators

➤ TIER 3, modelling approach: SAFY-CO2



Nitrate leaching indicators

- Are calculated for **each couple previous/current cropping year** at plot level, but can be summed at rotation scale

- **2 TIERS:**

- **TIER 1:**

- Scoring method (between 0 and 1)

Crop rotation

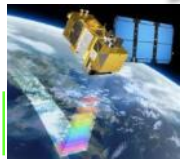
Previous
crop



IACS data

Mineralisation
crop residue
soil after
previous crop (X2)

Catch
crop



Sentinel data 1 & 2

Crop



IACS data

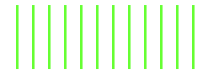
N uptake
Crop
Catch crop

Presence of CC
Development intensity
F factor

- **TIER 2:**

- Weighting factor
(between 0 and 1)

Type of catch
Crop (FMIS)



Soil climate



External data
Weather-soil
map

Data
needed

Biodiversity indicator

➤ **Specificity**

- Concerns the neighbouring area of each parcel

➤ **4 main components**

- Crop diversity : Shannon index (IACS)
- Plot structure : average size of the parcels (IACS)
- Semi-natural elements - Landscape features (IACS or Sentinel)
- Agricultural practices : tillage, fertilizers, Pesticides (FMIS)

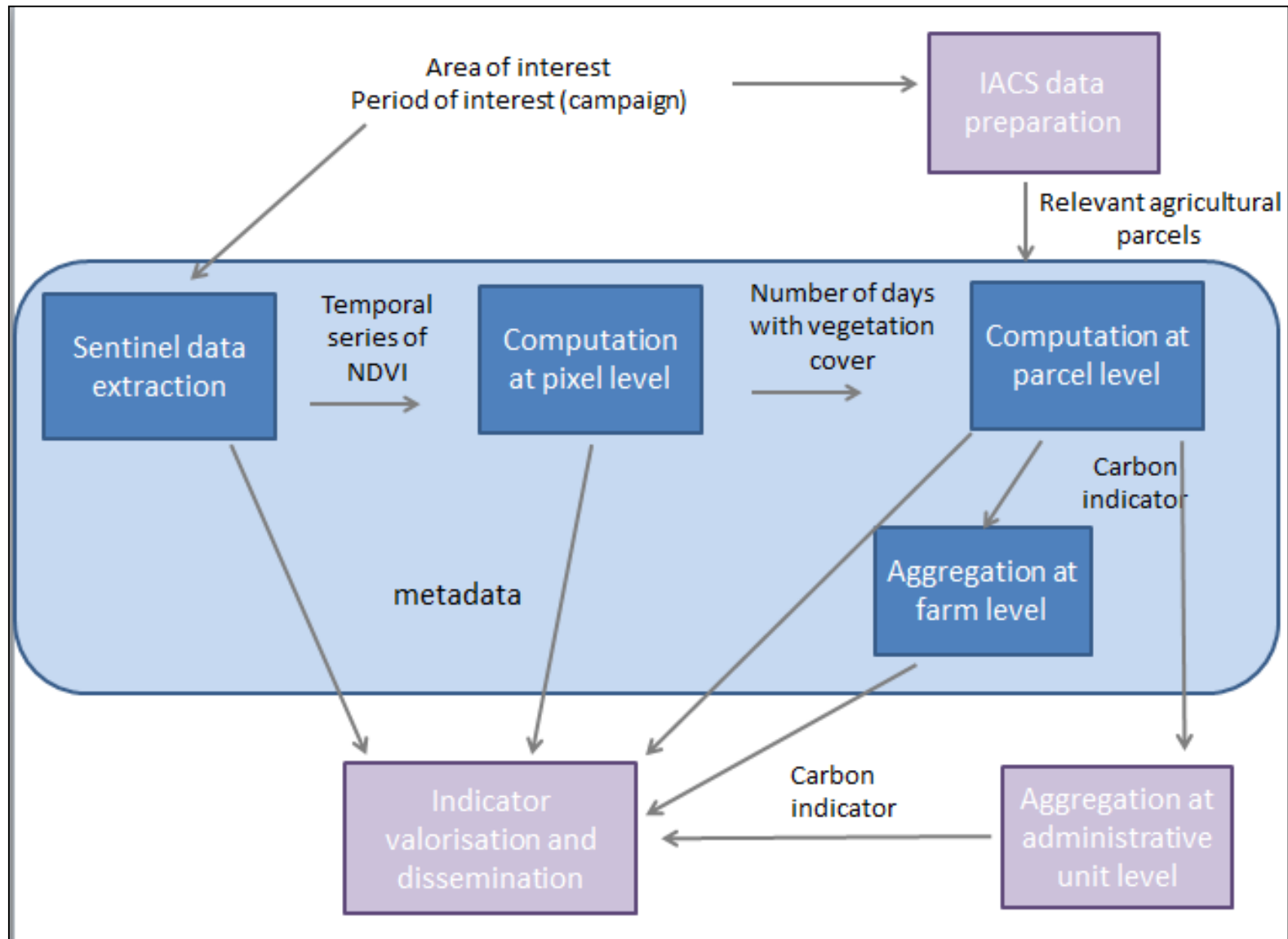
➤ **Still to be done**

- Scope of the different tiers
- Allocation rules to each parcel
- Contribution rules of each parcel

Carbon budget indicator - Tier I

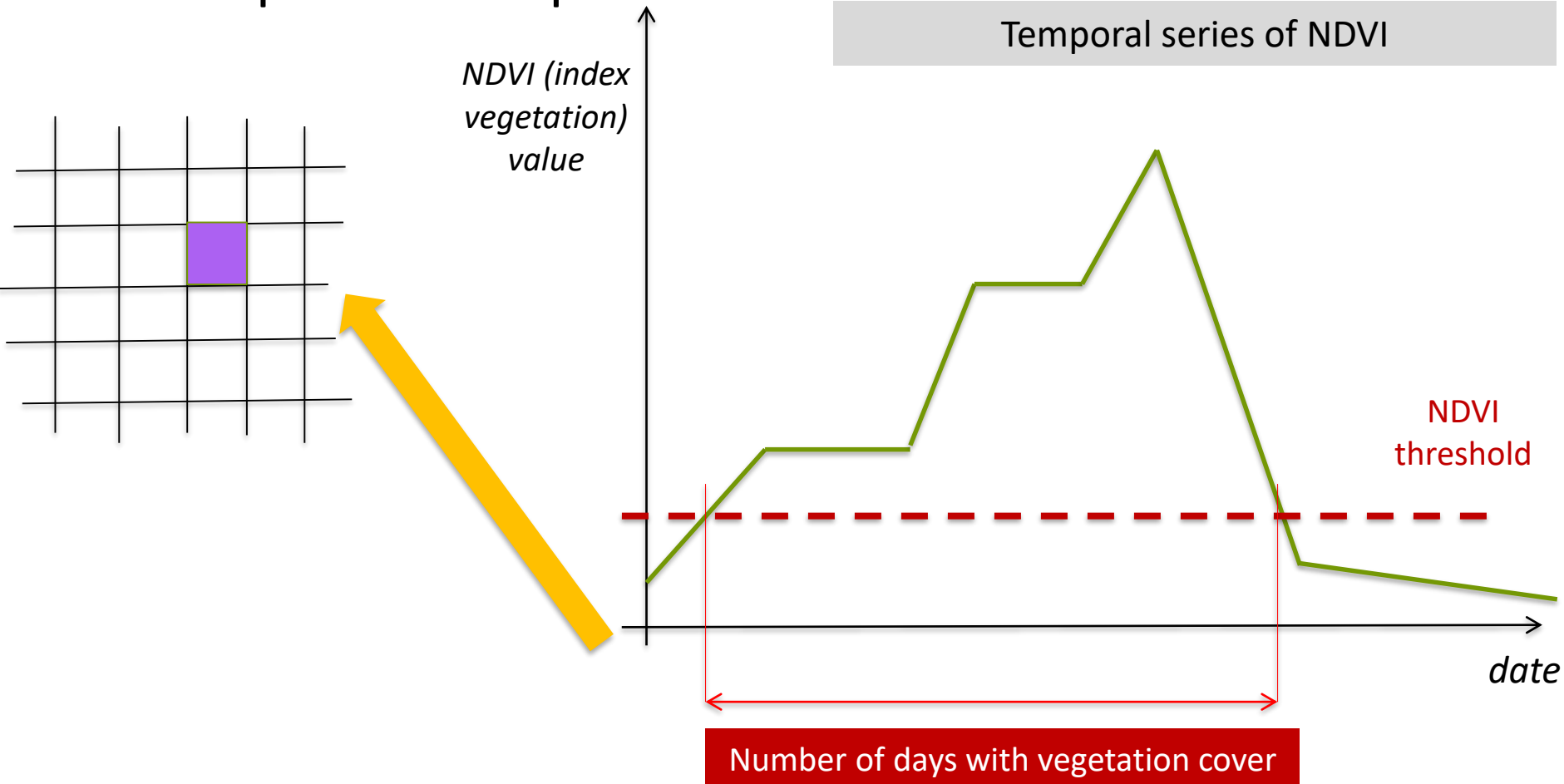
Functional analysis (Annex I of D2.2)

METHOD MAIN STEPS



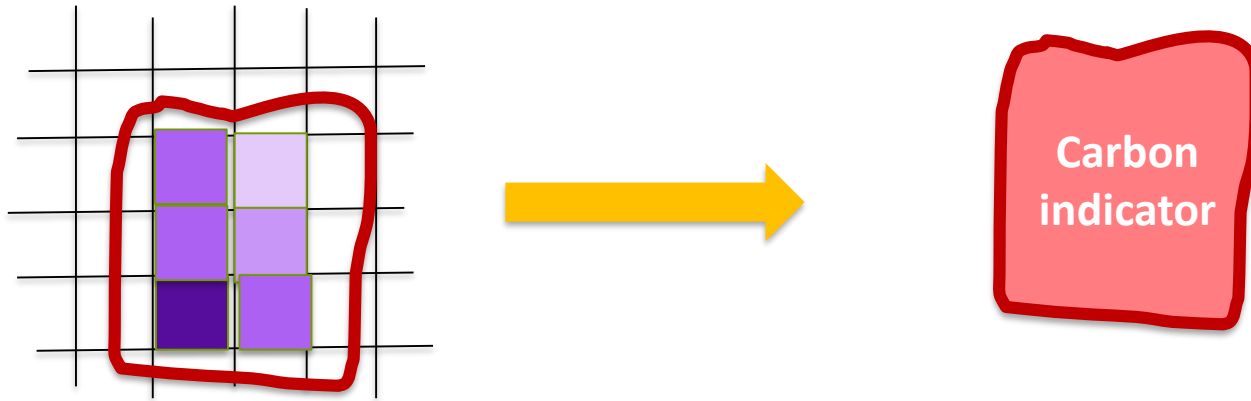
MAIN STEPS

- Computation at pixel level



MAIN STEPS

- Computation at parcel level
 - Compute carbon indicator: $y = ax + b$



- Aggregation phases à farm level or region level

Carbon budget indicator - Tier I

Prototype development and testing

PILOT PROTOTYPE FOR CARBON STORAGE TIER 1

- Based on Sen4Cap data structure
- Additional module with OrpheoToolBox (IGN in June)
- Crop list non exhaustive (with Lucas crop reference)

Common wheat (spring or winter) – (B11)

Durum wheat (spring or winter) – (B12)

Barley (spring or winter) – (B13)

Rye (B14), Oats (B15)

Maize –(B16)

Triticale (B18)

Other Cereal (B19) - (sorghum, millet)

Potatoes (B21)

Sugar Beet (B22)

Fodder beet (B23a)

Sunflower (B31)

Rapeseed (B32)

Soya – (B33)

Peas – (B41)

OPTIONS TO ACCESS TO SENTINEL 2 DATA

- Use data already computed and sent by Sen4CAP

To secure our prototype development -> NDVI time series directly sent by Sen4CAP in our testing zone at pixel and parcel scale (France pilot MS in Sen4CAP)

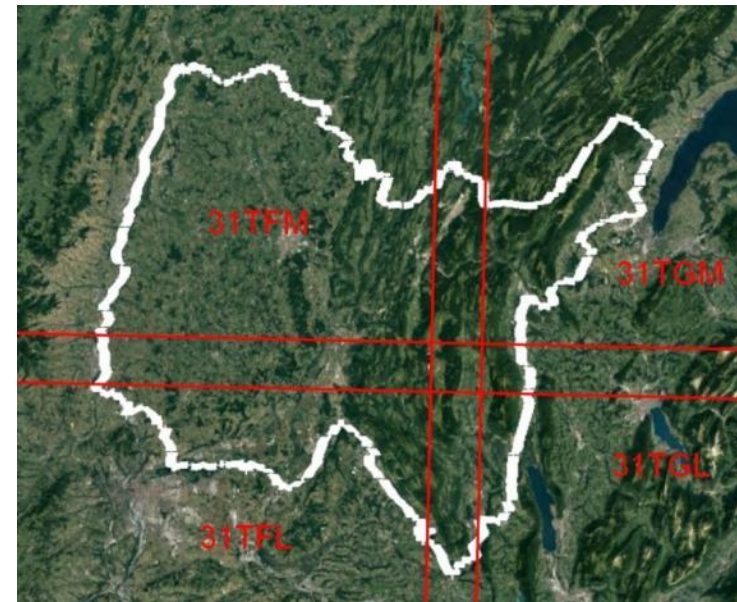
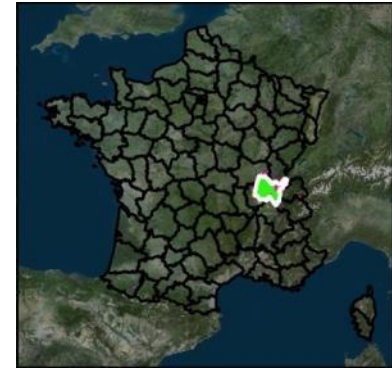
- Download data from Sen4CAP

Especially biophysical indicators on vegetation status (L3A processor)

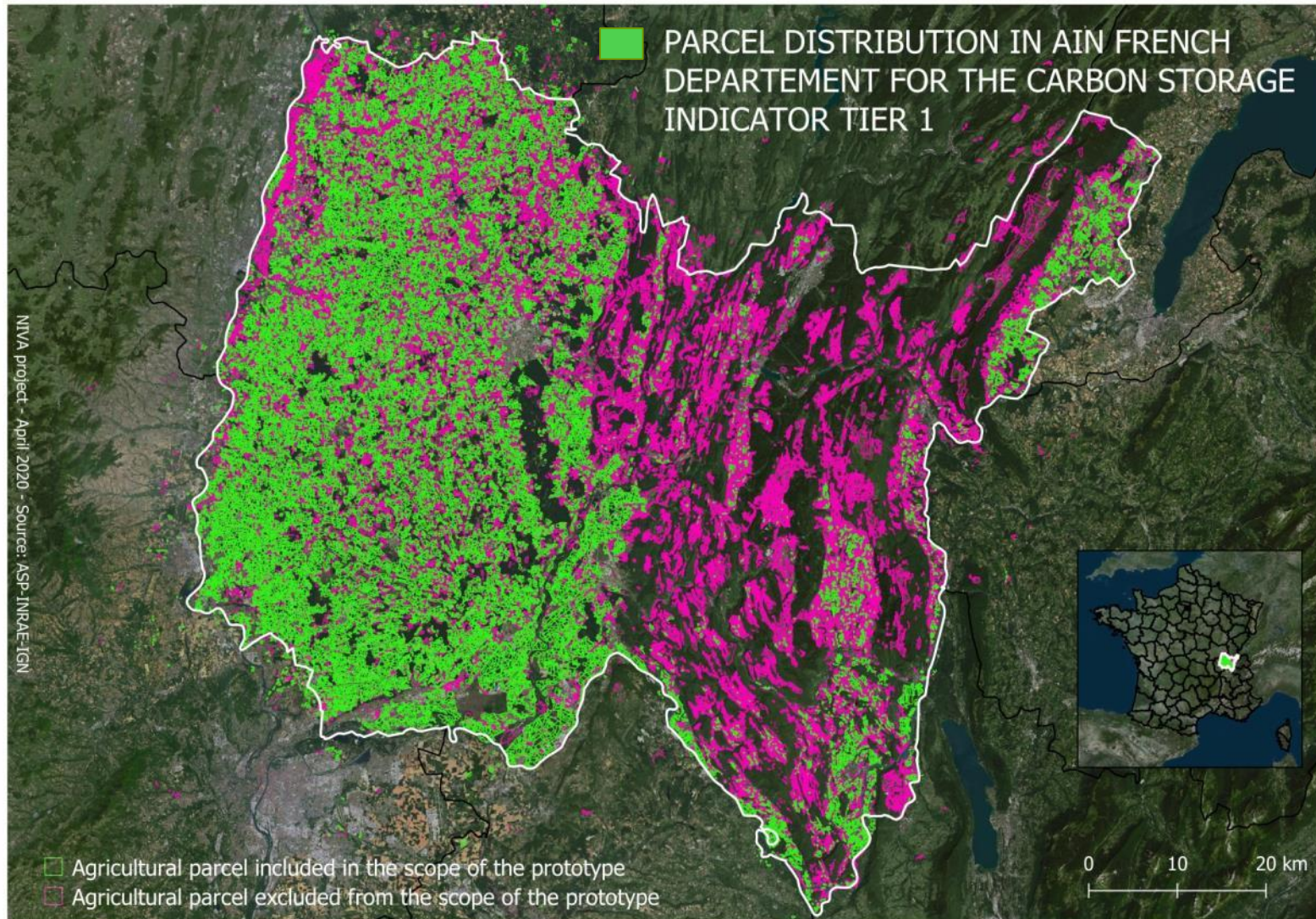
Main issue: significant time may be required to get familiar with Sen4CAP

TESTING ZONE : Ain Département

- Strong presence of cereal crop in Ain department are taken into account carbon storage method
 - Around 31 000 agricultural parcels
 - 123 000 ha
 - 12,3 million S2 pixels (100 sq m)
 - A large part of maize, wheat, barley, rapeseed, triticale, sorghum, sunflower...
- Sentinel 2 coverage
 - 4 tiles concerned (110x110 km)



TESTING ZONE : Ain Département



other crops : mainly permanent grasslands in Jura mountains

Carbon budget indicator - Tier I

Multi MS Testing

NEXT STEPS

- Preparing the Multi MS Pilot Testing phase 1/2
 - **Read our (living) documents** : annex I of D2.2 + data model
 - get overview of necessary input data and overall process
 - provide feed-back about feasibility or expected difficulties
 - **Begin to think about testing conditions**
 - Testing scope: zone, crop list and period
 - Logistics and data availability (Sen4Cap + UC1b installation, IACS data)
 - Operate the prototype or wait for the pilot

NEXT STEPS

- Preparing the Multi MS Pilot Testing phase 2/2
 - **Select areas in testing countries**
 - Identify the candidate crops for indicator calculation in testing areas.
 - Send the crop type lists to INRAE (Eric) in order to validate the crop selection
 - Take the opportunity to use the preliminary standard recommended by WP3 (LUCAS classification); contributing countries to make the matching
 - **Operating the UC1b prototype and pilot**
 - Think about Sen4Cap software package installation (and additional UC1B modules / functionalities that will be provided)